(c) During the year 2006 (upto 30.6.2006), under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, 30,920 raids were conducted by the States/ UTs, 1617 persons were arrested, 1097 persons were prosecuted, 35 persons were convicted and goods worth Rs. 679.10 lakhs confiscated. Under the Prevention of Blackmarketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, 55 persons have been detained in various States during the year 2006 (upto 19.7.2006).

Making HIV test mandatory before marriage

*274. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make HIV test mandatory before marriage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of States, if any, which have made such a test mandatory?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) There is no proposal by the National or State Governments to make HIV test mandatory before marriage.

Curbing the menace of counterfeit, fake, spurious and contraband products

275. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details and market share of counterfeit, fake, spurious and contraband products of various branded items;

(b) the loss that occurs to Government and the industry due to such spurious items; and

(c) the action taken to curb the menace?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) No data is available with the Government regarding market share of counterfeit, fake, spurious and contraband products of various branded items. No authentic estimate is available on the extent of the loss of revenue occurring to the